## "It is not too late to obtain an Absentee Ballot" Expanded Walk-in Absentee Voting 10/29/14 until 7 p.m. and Saturday (11/1) at

## **City of Lansing South Washington Elections Unit**

Lansing – "It is not too late to get an absentee ballot, but you need to act quickly," said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope as his office is scheduled for expanded absentee walk-in voting hours at the South Washington Office Complex Election Unit. The office will stay open later on **Wednesday, October 29 until 7 p.m.** and on Saturday, November 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. thirty days prior to each election, the South Washington Office Complex Election Unit has free parking and is located on CATA route #2. Located at **2500 S.**Washington the most convenient entrance is in the back of the building.

The last day for absentee ballots to be mailed out is **Saturday, November 1,** and all ballots need to be received via mail or dropped off at City Hall or the South Washington by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4 Election Night.

Lansing voters can also come to the City Clerk's Office on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to complete the absentee voter application and ballots **until 4 p.m. on Monday, November 3**. Regardless of location, voters must bring <u>approved picture</u> <u>identification</u> to expedite the process in order to vote in person.

Ballots can only be provided to the person who is voting. However, ballots can be delivered by an immediate family member or a person residing in the same household to either the City Hall Lobby secure drop box or the South Washington Office Complex Drop Box.

Another option is to call the Lansing City Clerk's Office at 517-483-4131 to have an absentee application mailed or download the form at <a href="www.lansingmi.gov/Elections">www.lansingmi.gov/Elections</a>. Applications or even an informal written request that is signed and one of the six approved reason stated is sufficient to receive a ballot.

"My goal is to make the voting process as quick and easy as possible," said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope. "By having two locations, evening and weekend hours, I try to eliminate as many hurdles as allowed by Michigan law to make our elections more accessible."